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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 7, paragraph 2 has been amended to read:

Since the drive motors 10 and 44 are completely separate from one another and are not synchronized with each other either, but instead are in relation to one another indirectly via the virtual synchronization shaft, they are can be designed such that they drive the respective associated elements with the least possible expenditure of force. It is also possible to trigger the drive motor 10 of the batten 13 such that during the beating-up of a weft yarn, it always move moves the batten at the same speed, or at a speed input by the input unit 53, regardless of the speed of the other elements of the loom, or in other words independently of the weaving speed, which might also vary, with which successive weft yarns are woven in. In this way, it can be assured that each weft yarn is beaten up with the same or a predetermined different force.